

May 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Management Committee

FROM : Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : CIA Museum

On March 31 I sent a memo to the Director raising the question of a CIA Museum. He asked that the Management Committee consider this idea, but wanted to have input from the DDA, the Fine Arts Commission, the Curator of the Historical Intelligence Collection, and Security.

Their contributions are now at hand.

The Curator and the Chairman of the Fine Arts Commission favor the idea. The Director of Security frankly states he is not enthusiastic about the idea of a museum at Headquarters, but can help should the Committee decide to have a museum.

Mr. Blake has come up with a counter-proposition and makes an interesting point about the "static-ness" of a museum.

Look Frankly, I had had in mind, should the Management Committee favorably upon this proposition that or somebody with historical interest would be the proper person to have it under his wing. This, however, is too premature a date to get into this sort of detail.

I had in mind a single room of modest size. My interest has been in the public relations value primarily with visitors from outside the house.

Angus MacLean Thuermer

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DCI,

Mr. Martin Kramer, a State Department FSO attached to USIA, has been calling in connection with his promotion of a "National Intelligence Museum". He is [redacted]

[redacted] proposing a "non-profit, private" museum. His ideas are very fuzzy and he seems largely interested at this point in obtaining "personal support" of prominent figures -- Messrs. Colby, Cherne, Laird, etc., are claimed as being supporters in this project. Walter Pforzheimer has talked with him and had definitely negative reactions. He has expressed little interest in talking with me or Ed [redacted]

[redacted] but, of course, wants your support. I have discouraged him so far but he plans to call back next week. This is to alert your office to a possible "end run".

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : Public Relation Visits to CIA and a
CIA Museum

Intermittently, during past years, there have been suggestions that we have a CIA museum. The National Security Agency has one, as does the Pentagon. We have a collection of material that would be of interest to both Agency folk and visitors.

Similarly, through the years, we have had inquiries from the public about visiting the Agency. Hitherto, we have not been able to oblige such persons on security grounds, or have we had any "show & tell" exhibit for them. Student groups particularly have wanted to visit us as they do the FBI. Although we obviously can't have an open FBI-type visitors' program, perhaps some middle ground is available.

With the reshuffling of space in connection with the IC Staff move, there might be some spare corner for a museum. Space near the Bubble would be good. Those who come to attend briefings or "Presidential Classroom" lectures there could be brought up to look at our intelligence museum without trotting them through the whole building.

If this interests you -- and I hope it does -- you might want the Management Committee to look into it.

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